

HOUSE BILL No. 1428

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-8.1-3-18.

Synopsis: Excused absence from school. Allows a student who is part of the program of a military funeral to have an excused absence from school.

Effective: July 1, 2004.

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January 20, 2004, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2003 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-8.1-3-18, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-1999,
2 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 18. (a) Service as a page for or as an honoree of
4 the ~~Indiana~~ general assembly constitutes a lawful excuse for a pupil to
5 be absent from school. For each day of page service or as an honoree
6 of the Indiana general assembly, verified by the certificate of the
7 secretary of the senate or the chief clerk of the house of representatives,
8 a student excused from school attendance under this subsection shall
9 not be recorded as being absent on any date for which the excuse is
10 operative, nor shall the student be penalized by the school in any
11 manner. This section applies to all pupils, whether they attend public,
12 private, or parochial schools.
13 (b) The governing body of each school corporation and the chief
14 administrative official of each private secondary school system shall
15 authorize the absence and excuse of each secondary school student who
16 serves on the precinct election board or as a helper to a political
17 candidate or to a political party on the date of each general, city or

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town, special, and primary election at which the student works. Prior to the date of the election, the student must submit a document signed by one (1) of the student's parents or guardians giving permission to participate in the election as provided in this section, and the student must verify to school authorities the performance of services by submitting a document signed by the candidate, political party chairman, campaign manager, or precinct officer. The document must describe generally the duties of the student on the date of the election. A student excused from school attendance under this subsection shall not be recorded as being absent on any date for which the excuse is operative, nor shall the student be penalized by the school in any manner.

(c) The governing body of each school corporation or the chief administrative officer of each private school system shall authorize the absence and excuse of a student who is issued a subpoena to appear in court as a witness in a judicial proceeding. A student excused under this subsection shall not be recorded as being absent on any date for which the excuse is operative, nor shall the student be penalized by the school in any manner. The appropriate school authority may require that the student submit the subpoena to the appropriate school authority for verification.

(d) The governing body of each school corporation or the chief administrative officer of each private school system shall authorize the absence and excuse of each secondary school student who is ordered to active duty with the Indiana National Guard for not more than ten (10) days in a school year. For verification, the student must submit to school authorities a copy of the orders to active duty and a copy of the orders releasing the student from active duty. A student excused from school attendance under this subsection shall not be recorded as being absent on any date for which the excuse is operative, nor shall the student be penalized by the school in any manner.

(e) The governing body of each school corporation or the chief administrative officer of each private school system shall authorize the absence and excuse of a student who is a participant in a program for a military funeral. A student excused under this subsection shall not be recorded as being absent on any date for which the excuse is operative, and the student shall not be penalized by the school in any manner.

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